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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability mailed July 26, 2006, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this document.

An Appendix including replacement figures and amended figures is attached following page 4 of this document.